

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
SPARTANBURG DIVISION

Latasha Boyd,) Civil Action No. 7:19-1077-BHH
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 Plaintiff,)
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 vs.)
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Bill Diangikes,)
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 Defendant.)
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OPINION AND ORDER

This matter is before the Court for review of the Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge Jacquelyn D. Austin made in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and Local Rule 73.02 for the District of South Carolina. On April 16, 2019, the Magistrate Judge issued a Report and Recommendation (“Report”) recommending that this case be dismissed without issuance and service of process. (ECF No. 12.) The Magistrate Judge advised Plaintiff of the procedures and requirements for filing objections to the Report. No objections were filed.

STANDARD OF REVIEW

The Magistrate Judge makes only a recommendation to this Court. The recommendation has no presumptive weight. The responsibility for making a final determination remains with the Court. *Mathews v. Weber*, 423 U.S. 261, 270 (1976). The Court must make a *de novo* determination of those portions of the Report, or specified proposed findings or recommendations to which specific objection is made. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C). The Court may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the Report or may recommit the matter to the Magistrate Judge with instructions. *Id.* In the absence of

a timely filed objection, a district court need not conduct a *de novo* review, but instead must “only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation.” *Diamond v. Colonial Life & Acc. Ins. Co.*, 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005). *De novo* review is also “unnecessary in . . . situations when a party makes general and conclusory objections that do not direct the court to a specific error in the magistrate’s proposed findings and recommendations.” *Orpiano v. Johnson*, 687 F.2d 44, 47 (4th Cir. 1982).

Plaintiff filed no objections and the time for doing so expired on May 3, 2019. In the absence of objections to the Magistrate Judge’s Report, this Court is not required to provide an explanation for adopting the recommendation. See *Camby v. Davis*, 718 F.2d 198, 199 (4th Cir. 1983). Rather, the Court need only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record. *Diamond*, 416 F.3d at 315.

After thorough review of the Report, the record, and the applicable law, the Court finds no error. The Court agrees with the Magistrate Judge that Plaintiff’s claims are subject to summary dismissal. Accordingly, the Report is adopted and incorporated herein by reference. This action is dismissed *with prejudice* because the Court finds that Plaintiff cannot cure the defects in her complaint by amendment. (See ECF No. 12 at 9 n.4.)

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/Bruce H. Hendricks
United States District Judge

May 9, 2019
Charleston, South Carolina

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

The parties are hereby notified of the right to appeal this order pursuant to Rules 3 and 4 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure.